

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 11 1600 Hours 4 September 2006

New Information in Italics and bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, coordinating conference calls, and producing Situation Reports. The FEMA ERT- A departed the VEOC at 1000 hours 3 September.

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort; manage an aggressive response to request for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and prepare for and coordinate Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**

York County – 1 September @ 0700 – Day Operations Only
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1030
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 0800
Richmond City – Reactivated 4 September @ 1100

Local State of Emergency Declared

York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina declared a State of Emergency
West Virginia declared State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Distributing press releases and fielding media inquiries. ***Joint Information Center (JIC) closed on 3 September at 1930 hours. State Coordinating Officer Michael Cline did a live interview with the CBS Early Show on 4 September.***

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WEATHER FORECAST

Monday 4 September: Flood Warning for Blackwater River above the City of Franklin extended until Wednesday night, 6 September. Partly sunny with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. High temperatures in the mid 70's to mid 80's with overnight low temperatures in the upper 50's to mid 60's range. Winds will be east-northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. **Hazardous Weather Outlook 5 September:** Rainfall amounts by Tuesday evening will range from 1-3 inches with locally higher amounts along the east slopes of the Blue Ridge south of Roanoke. Flash Flood or Flood Watches maybe issued for West and South Central VA. **Forecast Tuesday 5 September:** Rain, showers and thunderstorms across the Commonwealth. Daytime high temperatures will range from upper 60's to mid 70's and overnight low temperatures will range from mid 50's to low 60's. Winds will be variable 5 to 10 MPH.

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management: Regional Conference Calls for localities and National Weather Service were held daily Wednesday 30 August through Saturday 2 September. A Conference Call with State Agencies was conducted daily Wednesday, 30 August through Saturday 2 September. **Daily conference calls with VDEM Regions 1 and 5 are being held daily. Next VDEM Region 1 and 5 conference call is scheduled for 5 September at 1000 hours. VDEM Public Assistance and Individual Assistance program staff will meet with City of Richmond Emergency Management on 4 September.**

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and River Forecast Center forecast.

LOCAL LIAISON: There has been a total of **1 new** request from localities for assistance.

Request	Locality	Status
Debris removal equipment	Town of Chincoteague	Completed
Radio communications repair	Powhatan County	Completed
Phone/radio communications repair	Middlesex County	Completed
High-water vehicles for evacuation	Gloucester County	Completed
"John boats" for evacuation	Lancaster County	Completed
Water storage/distribution equipment	Hanover County	Withdrawn
Long-term housing	Newport News	In Progress
Additional Bottled water	Northumberland County	Completed
Shelter staff	City of Richmond	Completed
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	In Progress
IDA teams	Gloucester County	Withdrawn
Water/Ice	Northumberland	Completed
2 Office Trailers	Isle of Wight	Completed

EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: The Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) reports 6 Ernesto related fatalities. Acting Director of the City of Richmond's Health Department has declared Battery Park a health hazard. Richmond working with city representatives on Health Issues associated with sanitary sewer backups into households from flooded areas of Battery Park. **State Epidemiologist has provided Richmond city Health Director a list of precautions in connection with the Battery Park environmental issues. East Central Field Office VDH (Richmond) reports all water works are now on line. Twenty eight public water systems are on boiled water alert.**

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

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ESF 1 – Transportation: As of **1000 hours 4 September**, VDOT reports 0 primary roads and **34** secondary roads are closed or under repair due to flooding or washout.

ESF 12 – Energy: Virginia Dominion Power reports 605,000 customers affected by power outages. As of **1500 hours 4 September** Virginia Dominion Power reports **16,663** customers currently without power. Significant outages remain in the Gloucester/Northern Neck region were **13,914** are without power. **Breakdown of Counties are: Middlesex – 4,225 (45%); Gloucester – 2,964 (17%); Lancaster – 1,932 (32%); Mathews – 1,768 (33%); Northumberland – 1,077 (19%); Westmoreland – 985 (15%); King and Queen – 511 (22%); Richmond – 452 (19%). Power has been restored to all schools and crews are working rights to completed restoration on is Tuesday 5 September.** As of 0830 hours 4 September Northern Neck Electric Co-op reported 688 customers currently without power. Significant outages are in Northumberland County – 561.

ESF 13 – Public Safety: All Virginia National Guard soldiers deactivated as of 3 September at 1400 hours. Coordination will continue at the JOC.

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned **120** trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting additional input from localities.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$110,000	\$350,000*
Alexandria	\$20,000	\$20,000
Amelia County	N/A	\$10,000*
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Brunswick County	N/A	\$2,000*
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$50,000*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$22,000*
Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	\$0
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	\$100,000*
Essex County	N/A	\$75,000*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Gloucester County	N/A	N/A ***
Greensville County	N/A	\$25,000*
Hampton City	\$176,000	\$0
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	\$0
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$150,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$450,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$320,000
King William County	N/A	\$75,000*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$200,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$10,000*
Mathews County	\$1,200,000	\$37,000
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$2,000*

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Middlesex County	\$1,750,002	\$300,000*
New Kent County	\$2,000	\$55,700*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	N/A
Northampton County	N/A	\$75,000*
Northumberland County	\$16,000,000	\$580,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$5,000*
Poquoson, City of	\$925,000	\$79,500
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$8,000*
Prince George County	N/A	\$15,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond City	N/A	N/A ***
Richmond County	N/A	\$100,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$75,000*
Surry County	N/A	\$100,000*
Sussex County	N/A	\$50,000*
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$175,000*
York County	\$517,000	\$1,060,000*
Total	\$28,689,002**	\$4,999,900.00

**includes VDOT estimates*

**** includes residential, business, and agriculture estimates**

***** City of Richmond, Gloucester County and Lancaster County Initial Damage Assessments have not been received.**

Damage Assessment Team: *VDEM staff is in Regions 2 and 5 to assist and verify IDA reports from localities.*

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Finance: Damage Assessment teams on standby for IA and PA.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessment. Distribute Situation Report, Conference Call Minutes, and Incident Action Plan.

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